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NEW JERSEY STATE ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM

Veterinarian and Veterinary Technician Recruitment

Due to the increase in natural and terrorism-related disasters in recent years, New Jersey is establishing a team of veterinarians and veterinary technicians to respond to disasters involving animals in the state.

SART'S Mission and Goals:

- 1) Develop animal emergency response plans at the local, county, and state level
- 2) Protect domesticated and wild animals
- 3) Protect public health, the public food supply, and the environment
- 4) Ensure the humane care and treatment of animals during emergency situations

How you can help:

- veterinary services (including field hospitals and triage units)
- search and rescue (including care of search and rescue dogs)
- sheltering
- epidemiology
- transportation (advise on how and when to collect and transport animals)
- mortality management (advise on euthanasia and disposal issues)
- logistics and finance
- liaison with industry and government.

Training:

Training is available and in some cases required for participation in animal disaster response. Training will be offered at convenient locations, or on-line. Recommended training includes, but is not limited to:

- Incident Command System (ICS100)
- HazMat (Hazardous Materials) & WMD (Weapons of Mass Destruction) Awareness
- FEMA modules: Animals in Disasters and Livestock in Disasters

What you will do during an incident:

When activated, volunteers may help at their location, or report to a staging area for field deployment. During federally declared disasters, reimbursement for services may be available through FEMA or the USDA.

All volunteers are welcome, including those veterinarians without a New Jersey license, who will be used appropriately. **Deployment is always on a voluntary basis.**